



Dear Resident:

Recently, a U.S. Census Bureau representative contacted you in connection with the American Community Survey. The Census Bureau is conducting this survey under the authority of Title 13, Sections 141, 193, and 221, of the United States Code, and response to this survey is required by law. The following is provided to give you an explanation of the importance of the survey and the uses of the results.

The American Community Survey contains questions about household characteristics including such topics as education, employment, and housing. It produces critical, up-to-date information that is used to meet the needs of communities across the United States. For example, results from this survey may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed. Survey data are used by federal, state, and local governments to make decisions and to develop programs that will provide health care, education, and transportation services that affect you and your community. This survey information also helps communities plan for emergency situations that might affect you and your neighbors.

We want to emphasize that any information you give our representative will be kept confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot publish or release to anyone any information that would identify you or your household (Title 13, Section 9). The information you provide can be used only for statistical purposes. We enclosed some published survey results compiled from talking with people like you.

A member of our staff will contact you again in a few days. Your participation and cooperation are important to the success of the survey. Your response does make a difference! If you have any questions, call us at the phone number provided at the bottom of this letter. We will be pleased to help you. For more information about the American Community Survey, visit our website at <http://www.census.gov/acs>.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

Office Phone Number _____